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EDITORIAL

Ian Kay | October Editor

Ian Kay has been a corporate writer on and off for many years, covering tourist attractions and events in New Zealand, greyhound racing in WA and the local forest and timber industries - Forest Focus / Landscope and the Bunning's centenary – and he has always maintained a behind the scenes interest in the print process …including a short "just off the plane" stint at the Subiaco Post.

CELEBRATIONS

Spring is a time of new life and celebration and here in Darlington it all seems to happen with a huge burst of activity and creativity. This month we have the Art in the Hills event with the Open Studios trail on through-out the Shire , the Centenary of our local stone church, Halloween and the Darlington Arts Festival just around the corner and we have growing weeds which almost demand daily attention – so much green !!

Here at the Log Cabin we have just had a significant wedding anniversary, a coming of age grand-daughter's birthday, (Father's Day) and blow out milestone party for a neighbour who has just clocked his first half century…all within 10 days

Our weeds have been neglected ... although I have relocated five which I hope one day will be beautiful trees.

On the Art's scene the organisers of the Mundaring Hills Open Studio event have been quietly celebrating the announcement by the Shire of significant funding grants spread over the next three years, due in no small part to the inspirational efforts of the MHOS volunteers over the last decade. Congratulations are in order, (see next page) as they are for Trish Cook being accepted as the Labor candidate for the new seat of Bullwinkel (see page 7).

This time last year I introduced seven Darlington artists who were participating in the '23 Open Studio event. There have been some comings and goings since then and this year I can introduce four artists new to the 'scene' and give you a quick refresher on those you may have met and who are back for another season.

The hope is that you will visit them all, encourage them and perhaps be inspired to participate in your own artistic endeavours.

Celebrating 15 Years

October's Mundaring Hills Open Studios (MHOS) event was kicked off at a recent function to celebrate 15 years and launch the distribution of this year's sort after brochure. Sponsored by Mundaring's Bendigo Bank and hosted at the Mahogany Inn and Distillery, more than 70 artists, sponsors and friends braved the cold and wet to attend.

A great success, the highlight of the evening was Mundaring Shire President Paige McNeil announcing support for the annual event by way of a $70,000 grant spread over the next three years. This is in line with the Shire's Economic and Tourism Strategy endorsed last year.

The grants are further recognition of the organisational efforts put in by a core group of volunteers over the last decade. The group was recognised as "Inspirational" earlier this year at the Shire's Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day.

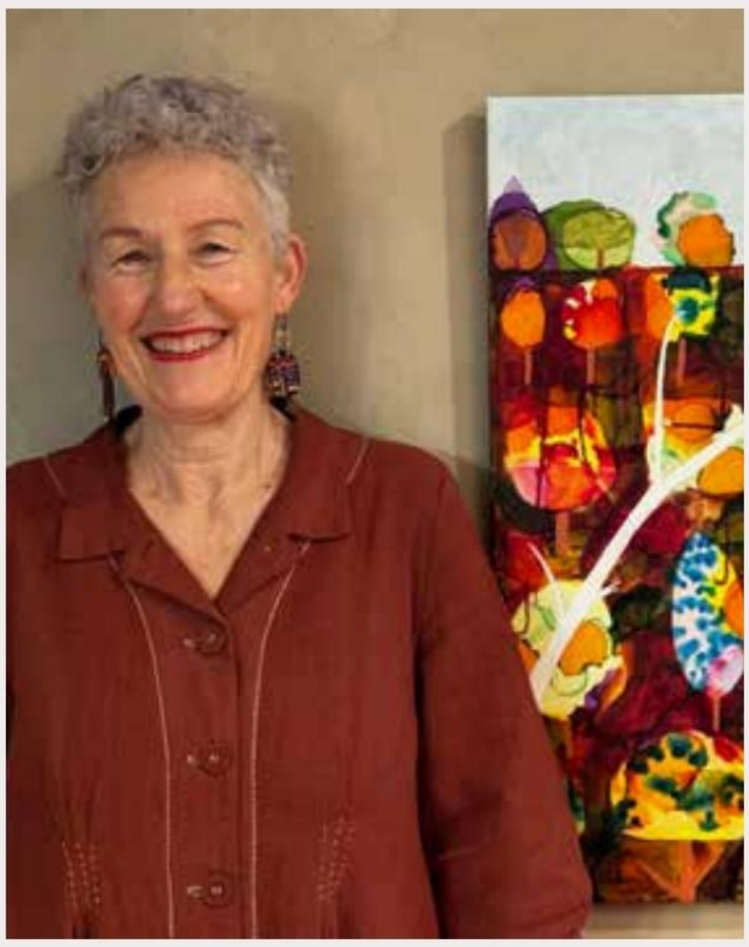
The MHOS brochure is becoming a collectable record of artists in the Mundaring Hills. The 2024 publication showcases work by some 75 artists who will be presenting their works in 37 studios located across the breadth of the Shire. Several artists are offering demonstrations and workshops during the nine days of Open Studios from Saturday, October 19, to Sunday, October 27.

The event attracts guest artists and visitors from far and wide and this year, to encourage visitors to give valuable feedback, MHOS organisers are offering several prizes. Check out the website mundaringhillsopenstudios.com for more information about sponsors and artists. There is a wealth of information on the website for all artists and their professional development. You can also download a digital copy of the brochure.

VIPS at the launch of the MHOS's Brochure. (L-R)Jess Knight (Artistic Programme Manager - Mundaring Arts Centre), Andrea Southam (Executive Officer - Mundaring's Bendigo Bank), Paige McNeil (Mundaring Shire President), Silvana Ferrario (Event Coordinator - MHOS) and Jim Middleton (Manager – Mahogany Inn and Distillery).

Jackie Davies

Having previously created art with woven textiles Open Studio participant Jackie Davis (Cook Street) now works with mixed media and paints with watercolours on canvas. She is a qualified homeopath and has always had a love of nature. Much of her work is inspired by the Heritage Trail which she walks and photographs daily. The changing light, colours and textures inspire her canvases which are vibrant with these contrasting and complimentary colours.



Jackie told me that she was born in London , England. "I have only actually lived here in Darlington for two and a half years but I first visited years ago when, as a family, we came over from Qatar", she said . " I remember sitting on the edge of the oval with my husband and daughter and saying that this is where we are going to live".

"I thought it was the most beautiful village I had ever seen in Australia. The stunning bush and forest, the cricket pitch with all the dogs running around, the old Heritage Trail and the cafe with the umbrellas outside. It was perfect".

In fact it took 12 years before Jackie was able to move here. What Jackie didn't appreciate, all those years ago, was just how sociable it is here - how easy to make friends. Jackie said "I didn't know that it is an active artistic community. I have been a painter all my life and immediately felt at home here with the Arts Festival, the Open Studios and Juniper Gallery. Even the Dentist is full of paintings and there are wonderful music events".

Jackie will be sharing her open studio with guest artist Hannah Goggs.

A mixed media artist from Fremantle, Hannah is attracted to anything related to flora and fauna and is inspired by West Australia's unique beauty. Hannah will be showcasing a range of different items including pottery, screen-prints and paintings.

Mary Ann & Kevin Dawson

Multi- talented artistic duo Mary Ann and Kevin Dawson are opening their studio in Maslin Crescent for the event. Mary Ann told me that she and Kevin were both born in Birmingham, UK.

"Kevin immigrated to Perth when he was about 11 and I arrived in Perth at age 16 but I had previously lived in Brisbane and Sydney and a number of other countries before settling here," she said. "I never really had a 'home town' until I came to Perth. Our daughter Michelle was born here".

Mary Ann has a background in graphic design and she is currently working on painting and ceramics. New to the world of ceramics, her studio is a place to experiment. From earthy matte finishes to glossy, vibrant hues, she is delving into the unpredictability of the glazing and ceramic process.

Her paintings use currency symbols, transforming these monetary icons into words and messages that provoke thought and reflection and invite the viewer to reconsider the meaning and significance of currency in our society…sparking conversations about values, identity, and culture.

Kevin and Mary Ann have lived in Darlington for about 36 years and Michelle now lives in Seville Grove. For them, the main attraction of Darlington is nature, the kangaroos, quendas and birds, and in particular the quiet and peacefulness. "Kevin and I spend most of our time in our studio," said Mary Ann. "So dinner is often late!"

With a background in building landscapes, Kevin has come to ceramics later than most. In their studio he finds a meditative space to work with clay and his hands, weathered by years of building, now mould and sculpt clay into pieces that evoke a sense of nostalgia and wonder.

He creates functional art that enhances and illuminates its environment, capturing the essence of home and light and

evoking the nostalgia and spirit of a place where innocence and wonder reside.

Their guest artist, daughter Michelle Toye, is also a budding ceramicist with a focus on creating stunning vases and bowls.

Over the past five years she has honed her craft, finding joy in the challenges of shaping clay into functional yet artistic pieces. She has refined her skills through experimentation and exploration, constantly seeking new techniques to elevate her craft. Michelle pushes the boundaries and has a passion for challenging large-scale pieces.

Denise Bending

Darlington sculptor, ceramicist and potter, Denise Bending (Mayhew Road) is a long time resident who is inspired by the natural beauty of the bushland that surrounds her.

"I love working with clay, making a range of sculptures, small and large," she told me. "Trying different types of clays and glazes is always fun to see what comes out of the kiln and I really enjoy making one-off pieces to challenge myself and work out how I can bring it all together". Denise will also have two other talented artists as guests in her studio

Laula Perey (from Wooroloo) has an arts practice inspired by her appreciation of the natural environment and the diversity of life within it. For nearly a decade she has been honing her skills in making unique handcrafted feather and seed pod earrings.

Every feather and seed pod used in her art is sourced ethically from bush walks, natural moultings and found birds. This process of sourcing imbues each of her works with the narrative of where each object was found and from where they came, be it bird or tree.

The other guest at Denise's studio will be Dee Robinson- sculptor and metal manipulator . Dee has lived and worked in York for the past 36 years. The natural beauty of the land gives her inspiration and is reflected in her artwork.

She creates free hand plasma cut flowers, Kangaroo Paws and one- off pieces using reclaimed corrugated iron, barbed wire and old farming equipment.

Carolyn Francis

Carolyn Francis (Pittersen Road) is a visual artist captivated by nature's diversity. She uses various metalwork techniques to craft exquisite sculptures from found objects. Carolyn's work embodies storytelling, with a connection to nature and an emphasis on quality craftsmanship and originality. Involving clients in the process adds a personal touch making each bespoke piece a timeless connection to shared stories.

Also on display, Carolyn's graphic artworks (life drawing and landscape) reflect her passion for capturing the depth of the subject. Carolyn's favourite subject is the human form, in particular portraiture.

There will be two other artists as guests at Carolyn's studio.

Award winning artist Jana Vodesil-Baruffi was born in the Czech Republic during the communist era and has lived in Perth since 1981. She is a member of the WA Portrait group and WASA. Her awards include The Lester Prize (2017), finalist in the Darling Portrait Prize (2020), twice winner of the Melville Art Awards, winner of the Canning Art Awards, finalist in the Shirley Hannan Awards and 1st place for portraiture in the American Art Awards (2021).

Carolyn's other guest will be Jennie Merritt. A full time lampwork glass artist, Jennie melts and sculpts glass rods in a torch flame to create her pieces. She is particularly drawn to botanicals and has developed a signature style of melting glass onto wire and steel rod to create unique jewellery and glass flower arrangements that will not be found elsewhere.

Kevin Norris

From his home base in Orange Road, Darlington, photographer Kevin Norris takes every opportunity to venture out into the 'Global Village' with his camera and he has documented his travels through photography for the last 25 years.

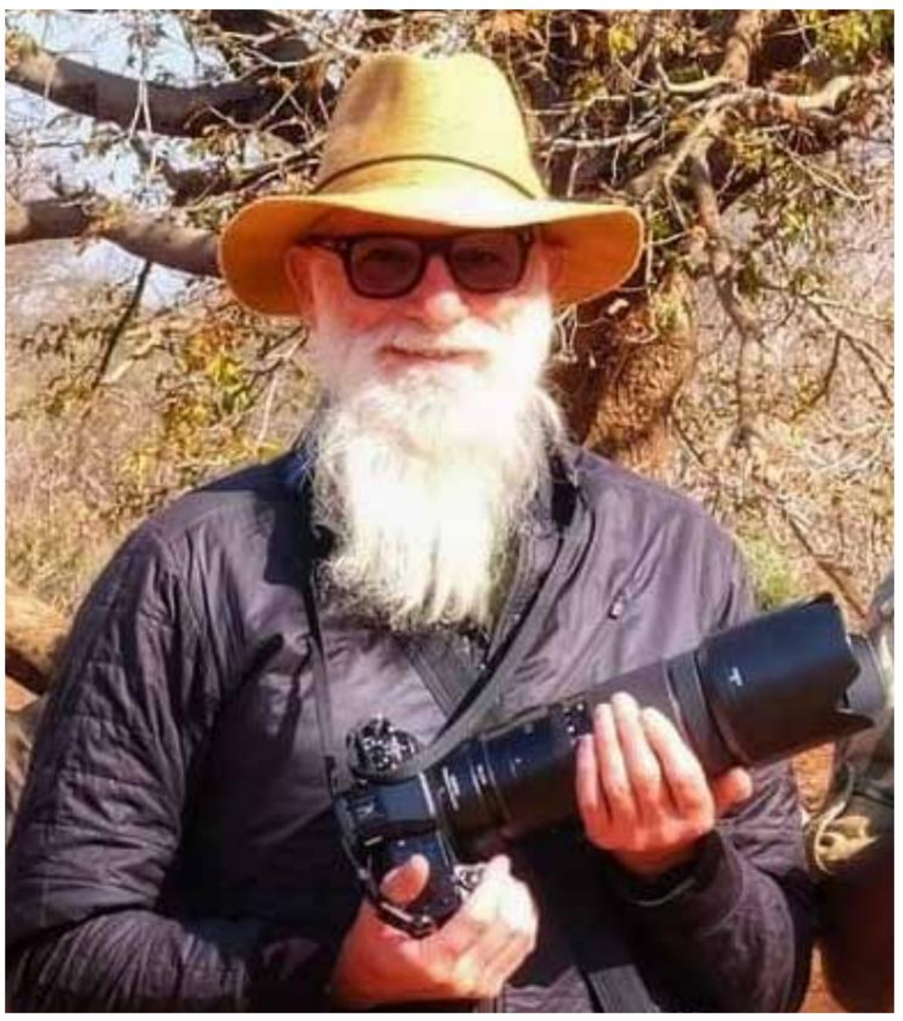
Kevin told me that he has travelled to around 100 countries and experienced many multi-day activities such as trekking, climbing, running, cycling and swimming.

"I have been seeking out of the way places on foot, bicycle or local transport to find the essence of what makes people and cultures different, or more frequently, as I am discovering, similar", he said.

Born in Hull, Yorkshire, Kevin lived in South Africa for three and a half years and Melbourne for one year prior to moving to west to Darlington.

For Kevin the world is his studio. His images capture a variety of subjects ranging from landscapes to portraits, events and wildlife.

Each photo tells a story evoking emotions and memories that words sometimes fail to express. This year Kevin is a guest artist at Neil Elliot's studio in Glen Forrest.



Jo Meredith

At the Juniper Gallery in Dalry Road Jo Meredith is back with her works in oils, painting people, dogs and vibrant WA landscapes with passion. Her works express joy, beauty, connection and nature. She loves painting water and using exquisite colours. Her works for 2024 open studios have been inspired by visits to the Kimberley, Pilbara, WA coast and her travels in Europe and the UK.

This year Jo is excited to be painting at Juniper Galleries alongside Alex Kyriakacis. Alex (from Floreat) paints to express beauty and colour preferring to paint alla prima -completing a work in one sitting from life whenever she can. The power of the brush and the movement of paint inspire her and her expressive brushstrokes are the cornerstone of her approach.

Alex explores a range of subject matter – florals, portraits and urban landscapes are some of her favourites. She is also inspired by the stories of her Greek heritage and often represents this in many of her works.

Belinda Kay

Artist and curator Belinda Kay (Ryecroft Road) was born in Adelaide, SA and spent her early years on her father's King Island dairy farm in Bass Straight. Later her family moved to a larger sheep and crops farm in Denbarker, WA. Belinda attended boarding school in Perth until her family moved to Mt Lawley.

Belinda told me that she rented in Darlington in the1980's when she was the owner of a Hair Salon in Glen Forrest. " That's when the hills first worked their magic…but it took another 37 years before I finally returned to this special part of the world. Ian and I have now been here seven years."

After studying construction and interior design (back- grounding for her curating skills) Belinda went on to major in Art Glass at Curtin University.

"Living in the hills surrounded by local flora and fauna has informed my artwork," she said . "Over the years I have added to my repertoire by trying many different mediums including using stitch and textiles in a painterly manner."

Editor's Note: Due to parking constraints on our bend in Ryecroft Road, Belinda and I will be displaying our art pieces as guests of Silvana Ferrario at her Thomas Road Studio.

A Cook in the Canberra kitchen?

Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence, Anthony Albanese, Trish Cook, Darlington icon Sally Herzfeld

It is by no means uncommon for local government representation to be a springboard to higher office – in the not-too-distant past in Mundaring we can remember Tom Herzfeld and Gavan Troy. However, that springboard usually takes them up one level to, say, the 3-metre board of State Government. It is less common to attempt to reach the 10-metre platform – Federal Government – but that is what our own Trish Cook is seeking to do. Her selection by the Labor party to stand for the new seat of Bullwinkel at next year's election was announced by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at a meeting recently in Darlington. This occasion, the first visit here that anyone could remember from a serving PM, began with coffee and chat at the Hive before moving to the Hall verandah for a brief press conference. The Rain Gods clearly approve of brief press conferences since, as soon as it had finished and people were starting to disperse, the heavens opened!

Bullwinkel will include parts of the existing seat of Hasluck, including the whole of the Shires of Mundaring and Kalamunda, and the hills part of the City of Swan, as well as large stretches of the adjacent wheatbelt, including Toodyay, Northam, York and Beverley. Hasluck, our previous seat, will continue to exist, we just won't be in it any more. The seat is named after Vivian Bullwinkel, a war hero who was one of only two survivors of the Banka Island massacre in February 1942. After the war she had a distinguished nursing career and was the first woman to have a statue at the Australian War Memorial. She died in Perth in 2000 at the age of 84.

As the PM said at the press conference, it would be hard to think of somebody more essentially West Australian than Trish Cook to stand for Bullwinkel – a nurse who has lived here for decades and who has worked on WA oil rigs! We in Darlington, of course, know Trish very well indeed, a long-time Hills resident who has served on the Shire Council for a total of 7 years and is currently the Shire Deputy President. She has also been a leading light and tireless worker over the years in any number of local community organisations such as DCRAG and the Darlington Community Garden, not to mention various different 'Friends' groups.

Shire of Mundaring Endorses Motion to Combat Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer Threat

Shire of Mundaring unanimously endorsed a motion presented at its recent Council Meeting, advocating for stronger research and action against the invasive Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB), which poses a significant threat to Western Australia's urban canopy and agricultural industry.

Council's motion calls for escalated research efforts and stronger measures to prevent and treat the spread of this highly invasive pest. The Shire is also seeking partnerships with neighbouring councils and government agencies to launch a community awareness campaign, highlighting the environmental risks and the importance of early detection. The focus is on safeguarding the area's vital tree canopy and agricultural industries,

Shire President Paige McNeil has highlighted the critical role human-assisted transport plays in the spread of the pest. "A major issue we face is the unintentional spread of the pest through the transportation of affected plant and wood materials. To address this, we will advocate for an awareness campaign along the main access roads into the shire," she said.

"Our tree canopy is integral to the health and beauty of our community. We are committed to protecting it by taking strong action against this pest, ensuring our local environment and ecosystems remain resilient against this invasive species."

"Every resident plays a vital role in protecting our environment. If you suspect the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer in your area, please report it immediately to DPIRD. Early detection is key to stopping this pest in its tracks and safeguarding our precious trees for the future."

The PSHB eradication program, led by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has been actively involved in the detection of PSHB in the Perth metropolitan area since 2021. Council's endorsement reinforces the importance of ongoing efforts to contain and eradicate the pest. Visit DPIRD's website for additional information and resources including access to the useful MyPestGuide Reporter App.

What to look out for with the polyphagous shot-hole borer

Pauline McGuinn

Our community lost one of its most remarkable members recently with the passing of Pauline McGuinn.

A stalwart of the Theatre Players in the 60s and 70s, Pauline, and her late husband Luke, were prominent residents of our village for many years. After Luke's death, Pauline continued to occupy the family home on Darlington Road for a long while until she judged it would be easier for her and the family if she were to move to the Yallambee Retirement Village in Mundaring. She spent several years there before eventually handing in her dinner pail last month just a few weeks short of her 110th birthday! Although obviously her body was not what it had been, her mind, almost to the end, was as sharp as ever. We will have a longer article on this extraordinary lady in a later Review and, in the meantime, would just pass on to her family, especially her children, our condolences for their loss.

Musical Celebration

Ben Bulla and Trish Juniper

October events at the Juniper Gallery include two free concerts by Ben Bulla, winner of the 2022 Robert Juniper Award . A multi-instrumentalist who loves his guitar, Ben used his scholarship to study the way Brazilian musicians perform with this instrument ; and now he is back to share his enhanced skills with the Darlington community.

The FREE two sunset concerts –
Sunday 6 October | 3.30pm - 7.00pm and
Saturday 26 October | 5.30pm - 8.00pm
will feature Flamenco dancers. Come and listen to exotic songs from Spain and South America - Flamenco, Bossa Nova and Samba.

Make yourself a Garden Picnic (BYO) and come and enjoy the art scene at 1a Dalry Road.

www.junipergalleries.com for more information.

Letter to the Editor

In our village, over a hundred properties have stood for over a century, serving as landmarks and memory keepers for generations. Recently, many homes have been sold to newcomers who, excited about their potential, have started ambitious renovations.

This has sparked debate in our community. For some, these houses are more than just structures—they're a vital part of our collective heritage, featuring old stone walls, heritage gardens, and built craftsmanship that tell stories of the past. Others see renovations as necessary, wanting to update their homes to reflect modern living.

This tension highlights the need to balance preservation with progress. The Burra Charter, which guides the conservation of culturally significant sites, suggests changes should respect a building's original character and be reversible. By blending the old with the new, sensitive renovations can honor historical features while adapting homes for contemporary needs.

As renovations continue, there's hope that owners will consider their homes' rich histories, working with local historians and heritage architects. Guided by the Burra Charter, we can ensure these homes remain a testament to both our past and future.

Darlington History Group

Their Place - The Mundaring Men's Shed

If you were lucky enough to have a dad who periodically disappeared into an outdoor shed full of interesting tools and gadgets – to tinker, repair an appliance or enjoy his brand of music – you probably relish memories of joining him in his retreat. Backyard sheds may be in decline but, as Trea Wiltshire reports, the opportunities to create, repair and learn are still on offer in the Men's Sheds movement.

The national group began their 'health by stealth' mission by creating spaces where mateship and skills-sharing helped men challenged by a sense of isolation and lack of purpose after a lifetime in the workforce. However, the movement is proving attractive to men across many age groups and the Australian initiative has gone global – and there's a fantastic new Shed is currently taking shape in Mundaring.

Men of a certain age are famously reluctant to take notice of their health, so after attending a health symposium in 2007 a group of Mundaring men decided to form a Men's Shed in Jacoby Street. As membership multiplied, the search was on for a new location and it was found in Morilla Road, wedged between the Heritage Trail and Mundaring's light industrial area.

This slice of State Reserve now has a Shire management order that enables the Mundaring Community Men's Shed to lease it for a peppercorn rent. Because of the clear health benefits that Australia's 1,200 Sheds offer, both Federal and State Governments are onside. Former Hasluck member Ken Wyatt made its funding an election promise and State Labor MP Matthew Hughes continues to support it along with LotteryWest and Bendigo Bank.

As a result, the site now accommodates exceptional facilities (still being constructed) that will offer 'shedders' – and the wider community – expansive metal, woodworking and craft spaces, kitchenettes, meeting/computer rooms, a commercial kitchen, library and shop. Five times bigger than the starting point in Jacoby Street, the facilities can be hired (but not for weddings, parties etc); women will be welcome one morning a week; and the Country Women's Association will have a base on site.

Secretary Ross Boughton says the future do-it-yourself-repair shop will not only help locals acquire skills in a safe environment but will offer to repair equipment. Members will also make items to order such as hand rails, play equipment (wooden teepees for a local school), outdoor settings for the fire school, engraved plant identification signs etc.

"Some join to do a particular project and become long-term members. Sometimes we're teaching people, sometimes we're learning from them. It's all about bringing together like-minded people and being part of the local community – because rather than talking face to face, men tend to talk shoulder to shoulder. Some of our members have had working lives across professions and trades, some are still working, and some are just starting out," says Ross whose area of expertise is computers. "I think this shed could become the best in Perth."

Ross predicts the facility will be able to welcome new members from this month. The Shed's web site is being redeveloped, so if you want to know more, email: info@mundaringshed.org.au.

Left to right: Reg Tipple (Vice President, Men's Sheds of WA), Stephen Fox (President, MCMS), MP Matthew Hughes, Shire President Paige McNeil, Secretary Ross Boughton, MP Tania Lawrence

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Kids Helpline is Australia's only free confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service supporting children and young people aged between 5 and 25 years. It is a critical resource for those seeking support, particularly during times when other support services are not open or available. 69% of all contacts occur between the hours of 5.00pm and 9.00am on weeknights and weekends, and 71% of counselling sessions take place outside of regular working hours.

Concerningly, demand for Kids Helpline is exceeding current capacity. Figures revealed in State Parliament show a high number of contacts, whether by phone, or web chat, go unanswered, even after considering around 20 percent hang up before the end of the introductory message, which importantly advises callers to hang up and call triple zero in case of an emergency.

This is not a reflection on either yourtown, the operator of Kids Helpline, or their counsellors who are doing incredible work with the resources they have, but clearly demand is exceeding capacity and WA needs to increase its contribution.

The Cook Labor Government provides around $90,000 a year for this vital service. In comparison, the New South Wales Government contributes 46 times more and the Queensland Government contributes 36 times more. Over the years, yourtown has requested additional funding and as Shadow Minister for Community Services and Youth, I have asked the Government to increase its support. So far these requests have been ignored.

I was therefore pleased to join WA Liberal Leader Libby Mettam and yourtown CEO Tracy Adams in September to announce that the Liberal Party will commit $6 million over four years to help increase Western Australian children and young people's ability to access Kids Helpline if elected at the next State election.

This additional funding would support the service to expand its presence in WA.

No child should ever feel alone. Whether they contact Kids Helpline at 3pm or 3am, we want to see more children getting the support they need when they need it most.

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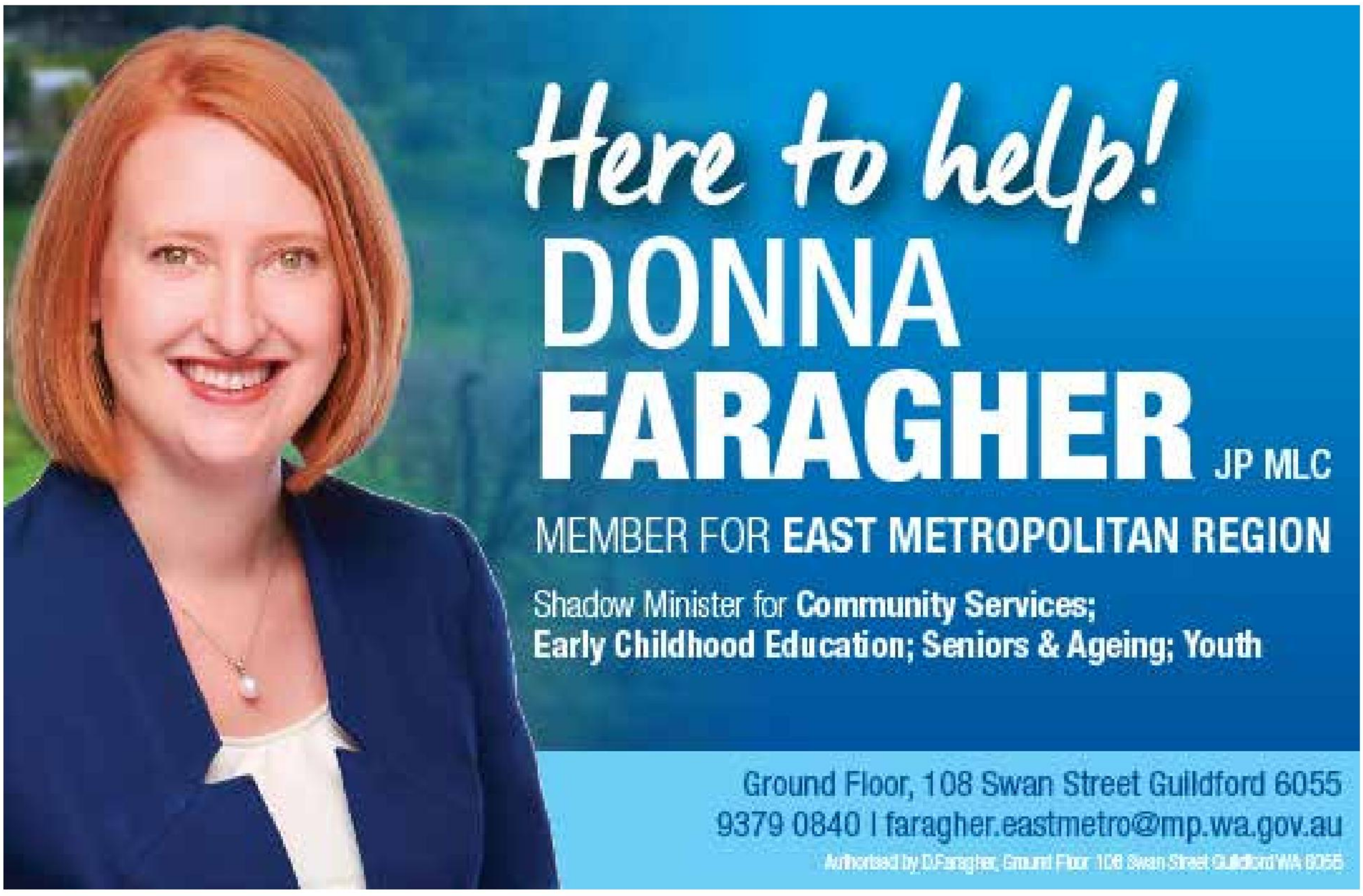
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Dear Darlington,

Recently a JDAP panel considered a development for a childcare centre, shop and place of worship in Glen Forrest. There were over 300 submissions, these were considered and the development was approved with 26 conditions to address matters such as pedestrian access, child-health and the greening of the streetscape. This brought questions at ratepayer meetings of the roles of our planning scheme in shaping the place we live. That's why Council has committed to review our Planning Scheme for the first time in over 20 years and ensure it aligns with our vision - The Place for Sustainable Living. Community input is paramount so please do take the time to ensure your input through this survey: engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/local-planning-scheme-review

The Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PHSB) is the Black Death of the trees. While the borer hasn't been identified in the Shire of Mundaring yet, the Shire is calling for roadside signage along Great Eastern Highway to increase awareness. It is **critically important** not to move any wood and green waste including cuttings, potted plants and woodchips outside of the Quarantine Area. Please, check your trees particularly Moreton Bay and Port Jackson figs, Box Elder Maple, Robinia, Coral, and London Plane trees and report suspected beetle activity to PSHB@dpird.wa.gov.au

Heritage is highly valued in the Shire and as such Council recently adopted the Heritage Requirements for Planning Proposals Local Planning Policy. The policy seeks to

a) conserve and protect places of local cultural heritage significance;
b) ensure that development does not adversely affect the significance of local heritage places and/or heritage-protected places;
c) ensure that heritage significance is given due weight in local planning decision making, and
d) provide improved certainty to landowners and community about the planning processes for heritage identification and protection

I'd like to thank our respected history groups such as Mundaring and Hills Historical Society and the Darlington History Group for their input.

There a number of events that may be of interest to the community:

Care to Rewear
Saturday 5 October
1.30pm to 4pm (FREE)
Mundaring Hall

This eco-friendly event will enable residents to swap clean, gently-used clothing, accessories and shoes in a fun and relaxed setting.

Small Beetle, Big Problem!
Wednesday 2 October
10am to 11.30am (FREE)
Boya Community Centre

Further to above to the above regarding the PHSB, this event hopes to further equip residents to stop the spread. Morning tea is included.

Finally, two important milestones:

1) The Shire has completed the new Stoneville Volunteer Bushfire Brigade station that represents a significant enhancement to our bushfire response capabilities.
2) Mundaring Toy library has celebrated 50 years. A volunteer organisation that enables toys to be shared and enjoyed sustainably.

A huge thanks to all our volunteers and their investment in our community.

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10 Oct 2024 | 7.30pm | Darlington Hall | All welcome

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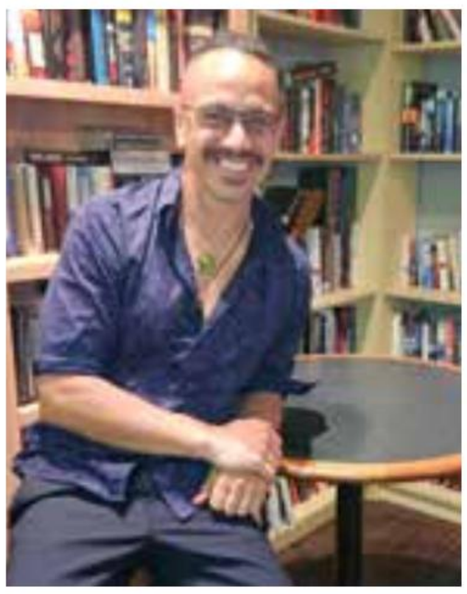
Darlington Farmers Markets

Most of our September meeting involved discussions about the proposed Farmers Markets in Darlington.

DRRA was pleased to facilitate a well-attended public meeting to provide a forum for the proponent of the Markets (Dave Halalilo), to explain his idea and concept for the proposed Farmers Markets, and for those present to be able to ask questions and raise any concerns.



Dave Halalilo - the Market Man

There appeared to be general enthusiasm for the prospect of Farmers Markets in Darlington, and it appeared that many of those present want to see a focus on fresh food and produce if the Markets proceed.

However, as with any proposal, event, or commercial venture, there were many questions from those present as to the nature, character, and size of the Markets proposal.

Concerns were also expressed about how the Markets could impact on local businesses, users of the oval, sporting clubs, traffic, and infrastructure.

Dave addressed and responded to the many questions and issues and DRRA understands that:

- Dave is also the organiser/ proponent of the Chidlow Markets.
- whether the proposal goes ahead will depend on initial stall holder interest
- the Markets will be held once a month
- the Markets would run from 10am to 2 pm on a Sunday
- the stalls would be in the Darlington Hall and veranda areas
- subject to ongoing planning, logistics and Shire approval, the first Markets may be held later this year
- the proponent will be responsible for post Markets waste management and clean-up
- how the Markets develop will depend on community interest, stall holder participation, and commercial viability
- Dave is passionate about a "field to fridge" approach and sees the Markets as also an opportunity for "people connection" within the community

Dave also suggested that if persons were interested in what the Markets may look like in Darlington, a visit to the Chidlow Markets would be helpful to give a general idea.

DRRA understands that the Markets are currently a work in progress and that as part of moving forward with the proposal, Dave will need to have discussions with interested/affected stakeholders and to proceed with an application to the Shire.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the markets, wish to have some input or make a comment, please contact Dave by email: marketsbycreatefootprints@gmail.com.

Councillor Updates

Deputy Shire President Trish Cook and Councillor Karen Beale attended the meeting to provide general Shire updates.

Among the issues mentioned by Councillor Cook, was the major issue of the spread of the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer within the Perth Metropolitan Area.

Significant historic trees have already been impacted/removed in the Perth region and the destructive effects of the beetle and fungus (which can kill affected trees), have the potential to have a major impact on our urban tree canopy and on our agricultural industry.

The Borer has been detected in the Shire of Kalamunda and DRRA urges all residents to understand the nature of the threat, inform themselves as to how to detect the Borer and to take action to minimise the spread of the Borer.

Some of the tree species affected include plane trees, coral trees, white mulberry, weeping willow, box elder maple, the latter being noted as the main host for the Borer.

Information and photos to help you identify symptoms of Borer infestation are available on the DPIRD website at dpirb.wa.gov.au.

Councillor Cook also mentioned recent discussions with politicians regarding improving mobile telecommunications in the Shire (critical for emergencies), the proposed cultural hub and precinct in Mundaring, and bushfire preparations.

General Discussions

Other matters discussed and commented on by the attending Councillors included:

- the allocation of funding for the upgrade of the dangerous Scott Street and GT Eastern Highway intersection (particularly for those turning right)
- reasons why Park Road off GT Eastern Highway could not be reopened notwithstanding the pending infrastructure redevelopment at John Forrest National Park
- the Shire's approval of the review and preparation of a new local planning scheme

While the opportunity to comment by way of preliminary consultation surveys closed on 4 October 2024, DRRA encourages residents to comment (when invited to do so by the Shire in the future), on the review and implementation of the new local planning scheme and local planning strategy. It is important to ensure that the scheme and strategy reflects the interests of the Darlington and broader hills community and does not contain planning changes which could lead to adverse impacts on lot sizes, housing density, fire risk and the hills environment and character.

DRRA Membership

R**eminder to existing members**. Annual membership fees for 2024-2025 need to be paid to DRRA by 1 January 2025.

DRRA membership is $15 per person per annum.

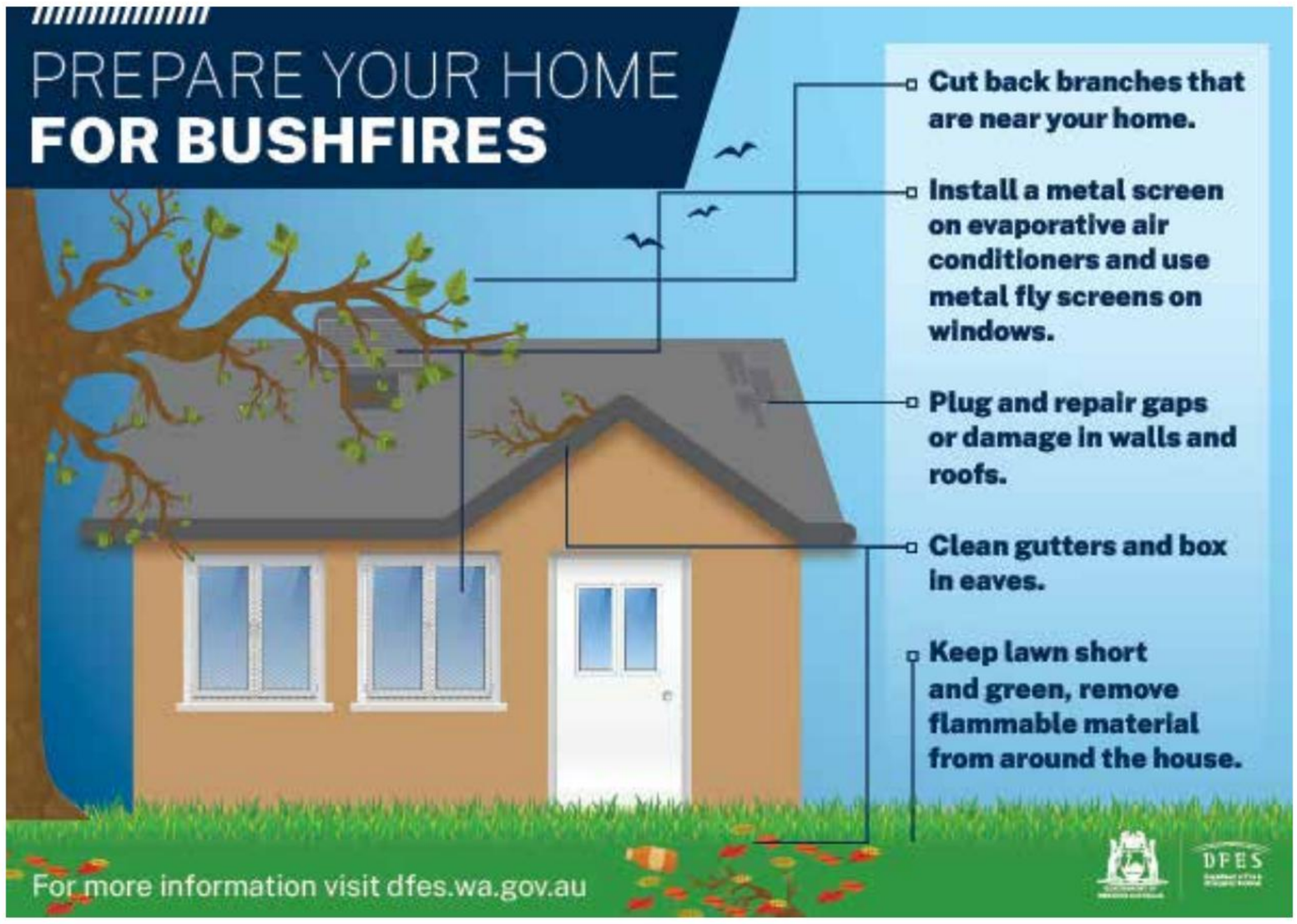
Darlington Bushfire Ready Group

Street contacts and all residents are invited to our pre-season meeting on Monday, 21st October at 7.30pm in the fire station.

Attending and providing updates from their organisations will be the Shires Chief Fire officer; Shires Bushfire Risk Management officer; DFES Metro Community Preparedness Advisor and Local Brigades Fire Captain. Given the past weather conditions and fuel growth we can expect serious fires again if they start, so your preparedness now is so important, which includes your home.

And above all have **YOUR BUSHFIRE PLAN** and all the family are aware of what to do if that time comes, and go to emergency.wa.gov.au….for all alerts and warnings.

Colin James | Coordinator 0419 969 223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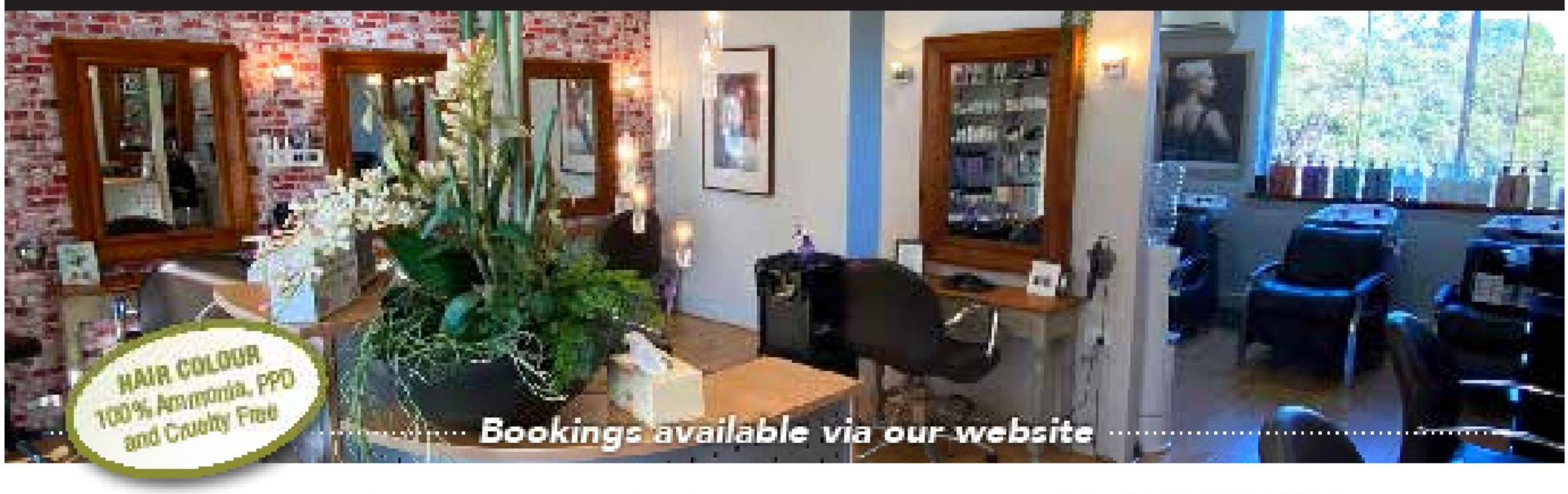

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- Next Brigade meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the Darlington Fire Station.

Despite substantial late winter rains, the first Restricted Burning period for this fire season is in effect in the Shire of Mundaring from Tuesday October 1st. A 'Permit to Set Fire to the Bush' will be required throughout the Shire of Mundaring, until the end of November (subject to environmental conditions). This includes for burning of garden refuse piles during the day (prior to 6pm), and **ALL** 'running fire' burns. Please note that **ALL** burning is prohibited on days when the Fire Danger Rating is High, Extreme or **Catastrophic**, or when a '**Total Fire Ban**' or '**Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban**' is in place. Permits can be obtained online via the Shire of Mundaring's website, or from the Darlington Fire Station on a Saturday morning between 9am and 10am. Small amounts of **garden refuse ONLY** may be burnt after 6pm without a permit, under strict conditions including;

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- the fire is completely extinguished by midnight (NO heat, smoke, steam, white ash)
- at least one able bodied, responsible adult is in attendance, at the fire, AT ALL TIMES
- there is a means of extinguishing the fire available at all times (e.g. garden hose, knapsack spray or fire unit)
- neighbours are informed of your intention to burn
- the smoke does not cause a nuisance to neighbours or create a traffic hazard

You should also register your burn with DFES on 9395 9209. Please refer to the Shire of Mundaring's website for detailed information about conditions, restrictions, and prohibitions.

The Fire Danger Rating System describes the potential level of danger should a bushfire start. It provides information so you can take action to protect yourself from the potentially dangerous impacts of a bushfire. Find out the FDR every day, to assess your level of bushfire risk and decide what actions to take.

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The Emergency WA website is your one-stop shop for emergency information in Western Australia. Go to www.emergency.wa.gov.au to access emergency warnings, Total Fire Bans, Fire Danger Ratings, weather and other important information. For further information about preparing for bushfires go to dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire.

With the fire season rapidly approaching now is the time to prepare or review your bushfire plan. You can prepare one at www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au, or download the My Bushfire Plan app to your mobile device. Consider such things as;

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- If you live near bush, or travel through bush, you are at risk from bushfires.
- Having a bushfire survival plan and practicing it with your family. Plan for various situations depending on who may or may not be at home at the time. Do you have a plan for your pets? Can you contact your neighbours?
- Preparing a bushfire survival kit, including a battery radio, torch, spare batteries, first aid kit, woollen blankets, non-perishable food & water, mobile phone charger, important documents, and some cash. If you have pets pack a kit for them too!

- Preparing your property, including creating a 20-metre asset protection zone.
- Learning and understanding the Fire Danger Rating System and the bushfire Advice, Watch and Act, and Emergency Warning alerts issued by fire services.
- Staying connected with your neighbours, family, and friends during the bushfire season.

Our volunteers are looking forward to partnering with the community at the Darlington Arts Festival on the weekend of November 2nd & 3rd. Come and visit us to find out more about what we do and ask your questions about bushfire preparedness. And grab a bratwurst hot dog while you're there.

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Saturday Morning – We kicked off the first walk of some 12km through the most extraordinary forest environs. The trails were a little flooded in parts from the recent powerful weather conditions but that didn't dampen the walker's enthusiasm.

Saturday Evening – This was spent at the Deanmill Workers Club 52 Restaurant. We enjoyed a wonderful "pub" meal and then back to the cottages for an enthusiastic battle of the board games. The meals and excellent service is to be commended.

Sunday Morning – The second walk of approx. 13km was equally wonderful, and included visiting the "King Karri" tree. Parts of the walks were on the Bibbulmun Track.

Sunday Evening – Arriving at the main cottage the walkers were all dressed in "Animated Character" costumes. Such characters included Fred & Wilma Flintstone, Paddington Bear, Wicked Witch of the East, a Stormtrooper, Dorothee Dinosaur, a Beagle Boy, Snowy White and heaps more. It was the most extraordinary display of ingenious costumes and personal courage one could imagine. An excellent BBQ was then in full swing, followed by a "Judge and No Jury" segment where people were "punished" for their silliness and weekend misdemeanours……Just hilarious!!!

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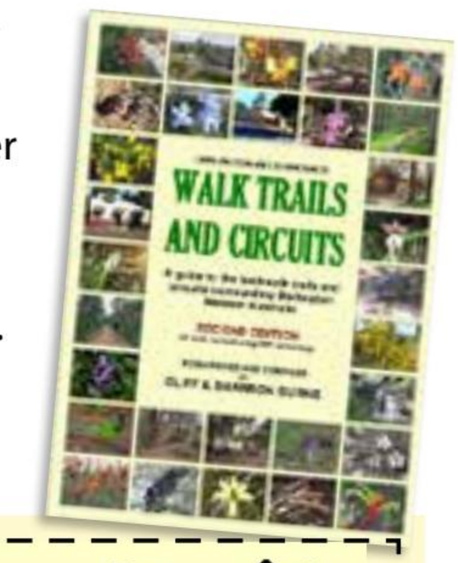

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Save the date for the DAF Dance Party!

Dig out your dancing shoes for this year's Friday Night Fundraiser DAF Dance Party @ The Wine Tent!

Held under the stars (or actually a marquee) on Friday 1 November – keep an eye on our socials to grab your tickets.

Big thanks to graphic designer and DAF committee member Travis Weerts who designed this year's beautiful poster featured on the front cover.

Glen Forrest Bridge Club (GFBC)

Spring is sprung, flowers and blue skies here to thrill us. Spring is a time of regeneration and new growth. What a great time to take some new actions on your thoughts about joining the Glen Forrest Bridge Club. The Bridge club is located at the Sports Club in McGlew Road, Glen Forrest.

There are many reasons to join the club…. here are just a few.

- We are a friendly and supportive club. This is important, because many people new to bridge may feel intimidated at the prospect of being a beginner in the game.
- The stimulation of playing bridge and socialising is very good for the brain. Who would not appreciate that.
- Membership fees are very modest at $40 per annum with low session fees.
- Your membership to the bridge club also includes membership of the sports club so you can attend for social events, play bowls or pool, have drinks or light refreshments at the bar.
- For serious players we are a member of the Australian Bridge Federation, so you can earn points.
- Get to know other bridge players and make new friends.

Come and give it a go at Glen Forrest. Learn, refresh your skills, or just play. We look forward to meeting you. Regular sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, learners/social session Wed 9.30 -11.30.

Look us up at glenforrest.bridgeaustralia.org, or ring Ronnie for a chat on 0419961711.

Darlington History Group

A Fascinating Guest Speaker Evening - Show & Tell "What Have You Found?"

Our recent Guest Speaker evening was a resounding success, with great participation and captivating stories shared by several presenters. As the saying goes, "one person's trash is another's treasure," and the evening was full of unexpected discoveries.

Lyn Myles opened the event with an intriguing find: a metal stamp marked "McGrath & Brumby," discovered on the Lionel Road reserve by Judy Love a local resident and then President of Mundaring and Hills Historical Society in 1992. The stamp belonged to a chemist from Tasmania, Mr. Brumby, who is said to have visited Western Australia. It seems he must have lost his stamp while staying in one of Darlington's many guest houses.

Goat Park yielded another interesting find for Lyn Woldendrop's daughter, shared by Lyn Myles with a "Bray Head Cutty" convict pipe. This particular pipe was popular because it allowed workers to smoke while keeping their hands free.

Bottles and crockery were common finds throughout the evening, as many people in the past would bury, burn, or even dump their rubbish in old wells.

Laurens West shared his passion for prospecting, showcasing a fascinating array of items, including part of a snake buckle belt and a 1899 Queen Victoria silver coin.

Rachel Backus also had many treasures to reveal, gathered from her property at Blackwood in Darlington. Her finds ranged from old bottles and tools to the half-buried Ford car engine she stumbled upon while digging in her garden.

Diana Whyte amazed us with an ointment pot dating back to 1840-1880, which she unearthed during a bottle dig. The pot was created by Thomas Holloway, a notorious "snake oil" salesman who claimed his ointment could cure gout, rheumatism, ulcers, sore breasts, sore heads, and bad legs. Its success, however, was largely due to aggressive marketing, as lab tests revealed it contained little more than paraffin, beeswax, hogs' lard, and turpentine. Arlene Collings made a delightful discovery in her late father's garage—a beautiful maple frame with a reverse negative photograph. She had the frame restored to its former glory, preserving the precious family memory. Ursula Sharman brought in a old bus ticket from Caisley's Bus Service, found tucked behind a skirting board in an old Darlington home. Caisley's buses served the Darlington area from 1929 till 1934, offering both private services and day excursions. Ursula also shared a collection of art deco playing cards, their edges slightly nibbled by silverfish over the years, discovering that the previous owner was a keen Bridge player! Sally Herzfeld surprised us with a charming porcupine quill treasure box, complete with its special contents.

On behalf of the Darlington History Group, we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to such a captivating and informative evening. It was truly a night to remember!

Annual General Meeting October 9th at 6.30pm

Our yearly AGM is upon us! We invite all members and interested parties to join us for our Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Wednesday 9th of October at 6:30pm at the Lesser Hall. This is your opportunity to get involved in the future direction of our organisation, and join our the Committee, nomination forms will be available on the evening should you wish to nominate. Your participation is vital to our success, and we look forward to your attendance.

UPCOMING Guest Speaker - Aidan Kelly on "Hiding Kenneth Brown"

Wed 9th Oct, Lesser Hall, Darlington | 7.30pm

Did you know that Edith Cowan's father shot his second wife? Kenneth Brown was more than just the father of Edith Cowan, the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament. He was also an agriculturist, explorer, and horse breeder. However, his life took a darker turn when he shot his second wife, a crime that led to one of the most infamous murder cases of the time. Join us as our special guest speaker, Aidan Kelly, uncovers the history surrounding this tragic event.

Aidan is a bass playing botanist who works as a lawyer, passionate about history he loves to share the 'B-side' History - the untold stories of people, places and events that shaped us. Aidan is a talented presenter, and you will not want to miss his interpretation of the story of Kenneth Brown!

Refreshments will be served after Aidan's Presentation, with a gold coin donation appreciated at the door. Please register your interest by emailing Ursula Sharman at publicity@dhg.org.au or contact Val 9299 6868 for more information.

Rates Clarification - Heritage Walk Trails Project

In the latest Shire of Mundaring Rates publication, it was stated that the Shire has contributed of $190,000 for our Darlington Heritage Walk Project. Funds of $152,000 were acquired by Darlington History Group through a Grant from Lotterywest. At the request of Lotterywest we were asked to place these funds with the Shire of Mundaring and develop an auspicing agreement. This has been done. However, we have been un able to action the grant at this present time but hope that the Shire will soon be able to begin this work. We have an additional Local Arts Grant for project signage from which we have kept in the bank until the Shire is ready. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly on this important project, dedicating countless hours to preparation, research, cost estimation, grant applications, and organising meetings. Our group has made a contribution to help bring everything together and awaiting the Shire's commitment for the project.

DAF Fundraising - BRIC-A-BRAC Donations

We're on the lookout for treasures hidden in your cupboards, ready to be passed on for a good cause. Your donations will help with our fundraising efforts at the upcoming Darlington Arts Festival.

Please call Liz 0427 952 491 or Christine 0490 793 015 to arrange pickup.

Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre

KSP Fellowship Program

The KSP Writers' Centre is proud to host this annual fellowship program for adult authors, providing placements for dedicated aspiring, emerging and established writers looking to develop a writing project. All genres accepted. Successful applicants are gifted with the time and space to work in an inspirational environment with special access to Katharine's Cottage, where celebrated novelist Katharine Susannah Prichard wrote most of her works.

While in residence at KSP, fellows also have access to an active community of peers through our many writing groups, all of which are complimentary as part of the fellowship, as well as the opportunity to network, drink and dine with your co-fellows.

Applications for the 2025 Fellowship program are opening September 30, 2024.

Become KSP Member

Join the KSP Writers' Centre and become an integral part of the Australian writing community! Your membership not only supports KSP's operations and sustainability but also enhances your own writing journey with significant discounts on workshops, events, and select services from other WA writing organisations. With various membership categories to suit your needs, you'll enjoy benefits such as access to experienced writers, a monthly e-newsletter, and opportunities for publication and fellowships. Experience the warmth of belonging to a vibrant network of fellow writers—sign up today and help us foster creativity and connection!

For more information on our residencies, competitions or other activities please visit the KSP website www.kspwriterscentre.com or phone 9294 1872. KSP Writers' Centre is proudly sponsored by the Shire of Mundaring.

Darlington Retirement Accommodation Association (DRAA)

It has been business as usual at The Glen over the past couple of months. The Wooroloo Prisioners attended to their usual monthly garden tidy up and were treated to a lovely morning tea put on by the Residents.

We had a couple of trees taken down thanks to Brendon Thompson which was needed to reduce the leaf litter in the gutters and free up some vital sunshine to the solar panels.

Our AGM will be held on site, at 3pm Wednesday 23 October 2024. Our last call out for locals wanting to help on the committee was successful with two lovely ladies putting up their hands. We would love to have a couple more, especially someone with some handyman skills.

If you are that person and would like to join our small committee and help run The Darlington Glen Retirement Village here are some simple facts –

- We only meet four/five times a year
- Each meeting lasts 30 – 45 minutes
- A lovely home baked afternoon tea is provided
- We need a secretary, but it is not essential
- We are all volunteers
- We manage the running of the five villas that make up the village
- No prior committee experience needed.

If you have any interest in joining our committee, please reach out. We are happy to answer any questions, give you a tour of the Village and talk you through how easy it is to be a committee member. Call Lindsay on 0405 146 251

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The Lonely Ruin

The Society was recently alerted to homesite ruins just off Tudor Park/Flynn Road by a member of the public. He emailed us two photos (one is shown below) and asked about the history of this house. This new request prompted our next history field trip - which we try to do every week, and we took ourselves off to Tudor Park Road. We found the ruins hidden behind dense bush and walked around the area, noting a track that joined up with Tudor Park Road. A demolished shed - maybe a former toilet/washhouse - ten metres from the burnt-out house, a concrete water tank pad, and a dam were nearby.

1985

Burnt out building in 2010

Whilst photographing a window we noted it was a 'beer bottle' window. Given that this was a relatively recent idea (1960/70s) we realised the house was modern.

The ruins are still historic, just not one of the early buildings in the Shire, so the next step was to find the Lot number and consult the Rate Books. After looking through the Rate Books we found that the two owners from the early 1920s through to the mid-1960s both lived in the eastern states. They were the Hurst family.

Next, we looked up Landgate aerial photos, and they revealed that in 1974 some of the land had been cleared, but there was no house. By 1977 the house had been built, as had the shed and water tank. The earliest and clearest Landgate image is from 1985. Everything was fine in 2008. However, by 2010, the next aerial photograph shows the house was burnt out. Judging by the lack of any burnt trees surrounding the house in the aerial photo, it may have been a house fire, not a bush fire, although the shed itself appears to also have been destroyed, along with a vehicle.

We have no idea who lived there and what happened, but we have an outstanding query with the Shire about who paid the rates between 1974 and 2010. This may help lead us to an eventual answer.

If any reader knows more on this story, please enlighten us!

Beer bottles surrounding window frame

Current picture of ruin – 2024

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But – it's not over yet...

Save Perth Hills (SPH), and the thousands of people who support us, are outraged over the Albanese Government's decision to allow Australia's biggest land developer, Satterley Property Group, to bulldoze a forest of 60,000 healthy habitat trees in the heart of Perth's Hills, to make way for Satterley's dangerous and destructive proposed North Stoneville development.

The over-500-hectares of land is owned by the Anglican Church Diocese of Perth.

Federal Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek, announced her Department's environmental approval of the proposed North Stoneville development, under her Government's Environment Protection and Biodiverse Conservation Act (EPBC), on September 17.

Although WA's State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) will make the final call on proposed North Stoneville in 2025, this decision sets a dangerous precedent around development in Australia's internationally recognised biodiverse Perth Hills.

This environmentally irresponsible decision means the Hills are now at risk of bushfire-dangerous and unsustainable urban sprawl resulting in the destruction of an area larger than Kings Park, and part of Australia's last remaining rare biodiverse environments, home to Federally listed Endangered Black Cockatoos.

"This is a gobsmackingly disgraceful decision by the Albanese Government, that purports to put the Australian environment as a priority," SPH Chair Peter Brazier said.

"This environmental approval, that strikes at the very heart of Perth's Hills, demonstrates an appalling indifference by the Federal Government of the bigger picture fallout around environmental sustainability," Peter said.

"This proposed development will wipe out a substantial swathe of natural environment in the Hills, while, knowingly, placing thousands of homes, and thousands more people at bushfire risk and entrapment in a region that's already lost more than 150 homes to bushfire in 10 years," he said.

SPH questions the timing of the Minister's announcement.

Satterly's EPBC application has sat unresolved for 6 long years - the longest unresolved issue before it. The Minister had capacity to defer her decision - indefinitely, until after 2025 SAT hearing. SPH understands deferment is common practice by the Minister's office, to avoid 'interfering in the process' of State appeals.

And the decision comes within two weeks after Nigel Satterley attended a Federal Labor Party election fundraising dinner, at Fraser's restaurant in Kings Park.

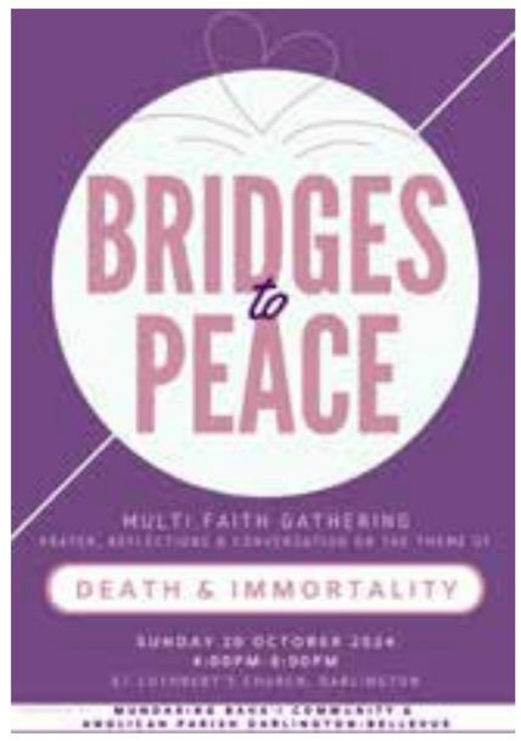
State and Federal Members of Parliament, and candidates from all sides of politics, have rallied to support Save Perth Hills and to call out Minister Plibersek's decision which allows Satterley's profit-driven bulldozers to enter and destroy over 200 hectares of the Perth's Hills.

This decision makes the SAT decision next year, critically important. The proposed plan contravenes two State Planning Policies, around traffic and bushfire evacuation and entrapment.

Save Perth Hills vows to continue the 33-year campaign of Community opposition to a stranded, dangerous, inappropriate 1990s style urban development in Stoneville which has been twice rejected by WA's highest planning authority, the WA Planning Commission, by the Department of Fire and Emergency, DFES, the Shire of Mundaring Council, (twice), and by more than 3000 public submissions.

Baha'i Community of Mundaring

At our next 'Bridges to Peace' interfaith gathering on Sunday, October 20, we will explore the profound and challenging theme of 'Death & Immortality.'



Discussing death can be difficult. As humans, we uniquely experience the awareness of our mortality while simultaneously possessing a fundamental survival instinct. How can we navigate this paradox?

It is not surprising that many find comfort in the belief of an afterlife, a notion present in the teachings of religions throughout history. Most of the world's spiritual traditions share a near-universal belief in the eternal nature of the human soul.

For Baha'is, this reassurance is beautifully expressed in the words of Baha'u'llah: ***"Thou art My dominion and My dominion perisheth not; wherefore fearest thou thy perishing? Thou art My light and My light shall never be extinguished; why dost thou dread extinction? Thou art My glory and My glory fadeth not; thou art My robe and My robe shall never be outworn. Abide then in thy love for Me, that thou mayest find Me in the realm of glory."***

If you are curious about what different world religions say about eternal life, join us as we explore these perspectives together. And rest assured, this discussion will not be all doom and gloom. As the Baha'i writings remind us, ***"I have made death a messenger of joy to thee. Wherefore dost thou grieve? I made the light to shed on thee its splendor. Why dost thou veil thyself therefrom?"***

This promise, central to all faiths, assures us that our existence does not end with death. It offers us not only solace but hope; not just comfort but love; and not merely a wish but a promise of reunion, light, and eternal joy.

Mundaring Baha'i Community | mundaring@wa.bahai.org.au | www.bahai.org.au

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To celebrate the laying of the St Cuthbert's foundation stone and 100 years of history, we have arranged a pilgrimage style walk which will include some historical sites present when the church was founded as well as more recent developments. As the walk meanders through hills and bushland, there will be places to stop, admire views and contemplate along the way.

We will meet at St Cuthbert's church at 8.45am on Saturday 5 October and, after an introduction from Cliff Burns, will set off at 9am. The activity is a combination of three optional circuits and you will select your preferred option.

OPTION 1: THE RED CIRCUIT

This 2 hour walk features historical locations, buildings and structures covering approximately 5.7 km. Allow 2 hours. There will be no break for morning tea.

OPTION 2: THE BLUE CIRCUIT

The Blue Circuit continues from the Red Circuit and includes further history and bushlands. All up approximately 8.5km. Allow 3 hours and bring morning tea.

OPTION 3: THE GREEN CIRCUIT

The Green Circuit carries on where the Blue Circuit finishes and ventures into pristine Darlington bushlands. The three circuits total 12.2 km over 4+ hours.
A very good level of fitness is required. Bring morning tea and a packed lunch.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

Wear comfortable well worn-in shoes
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Bring any personal medication
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Curated by Amber Norrish alongside a team of artists from across Australia – and hot off the heels of an unpredictable AFL season - *Half Time* celebrates the unifying power of footy. Delving into thought-provoking inquiries, the exhibition ignites an important and timely dialogue on the diverse roles sport plays within our communities through works created by Matt Aitken, Monia Allegre, Lyndon Blue, Sally Bower, Les Everett, Conway Ginger, Brent Harrison, Naomi Hatherly, Jennifer Jamieson, Dinni Kunoth Kemarre, Emma-lee Maher, Lucky Morton Kngwarreye, and Pedro Sippe.

Brent Harrison, Goal, 2015, screenprint on paper, 59 x 84 cm. Image courtesy of the artist.

***ON PAR* | 19 Oct – 22 Dec 2024**

Coinciding with the World Disc Golf Championships being held in Mundaring in November, *On Par* is presented in partnership with the Mundaring Sporting Club. It explores the intersection between sport and art in a showcase of spectacular golf disc art by established disc artists Jasmin Barr, Matt Beard, Jason McCormick, Gary Paul and Ken Summers 'on par' with invited Shire of Mundaring artists Una Bell, Ric Burkitt, Jane Button, Luke Button, Katey Cunliffe, Melissa De Winter, Carolyn Francis, Dimity Gregson, Kat Hardwick, Jeremy Holton, Daniel Iley, Nicholas Kempt, Bernard Kerr, Alison Lindsay, Gayle Mason, Craig McKeough, Tania Scott, Pene Turner, Demelza Wheatcroft and Johanna Zeelenberg.

Ric Burkitt, Victor 'Good Boy' Halliday, Banned from all WFDF/ PDGA events for intercepting in-flight discs (some of which were never recovered) at the 2022 World Championships in Peoria, Illinois, oil on golf disc, 2024.

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Bernard Kerr, Coincident installation (detail), 2024. Image courtesy of the artist.

***Coincident* | Bernard Kerr | IOTA24** | till 17 November 2024

Opening to an appreciative audience on 13 Sept, Coincident is local ceramist Bernard Kerr's 4th solo show. Exploring his fascination with how ceramic objects are represented and perceived in Western culture, Kerr's investigation of the connection between objects and images draws on the histories of craft and art. An influential and prolific artist and educator in ceramic arts practice for over 45 years, Kerr produces both functional and sculptural work in stoneware and porcelain, with his work recognised internationally.

***Unfold* | curated by Kristy Scaddan | IOTA24** | till 17 November 2024

For Unfold, 15 WA artists explore their connections to land, humanity and place, both from this land and further afield from their own lived experiences and various Indian Ocean heritages. By interrogating and reinventing their traditional disciplines, they not only unravel the interconnectedness of humanity to capture a sense of place but, through the use of their preferred materials, also challenge the form of the conventional book to create sculptural art objects.

Unfold is an opportunity to explore a diverse range of cross cultural and multi-artform interpretations and celebrates the creative practice of Nazerul Ben-Dzulkefli, Monique Bosshard Curby, Bina Butcher, Moira Court, Jo Darvall, Shanti Gelmi, Louise Grimshaw, Sarah Hewer, Rob Kettels, Monika Lukowska, Norma MacDonald, Matt Perrin, Kristy Scaddan, Paul Uhlmann and Vanessa Wallace.

Vanessa Wallace, back in the moment...monday (detail), 2024, UV print, digital pigment print and chine colle on archival paper. Image courtesy of the artist.

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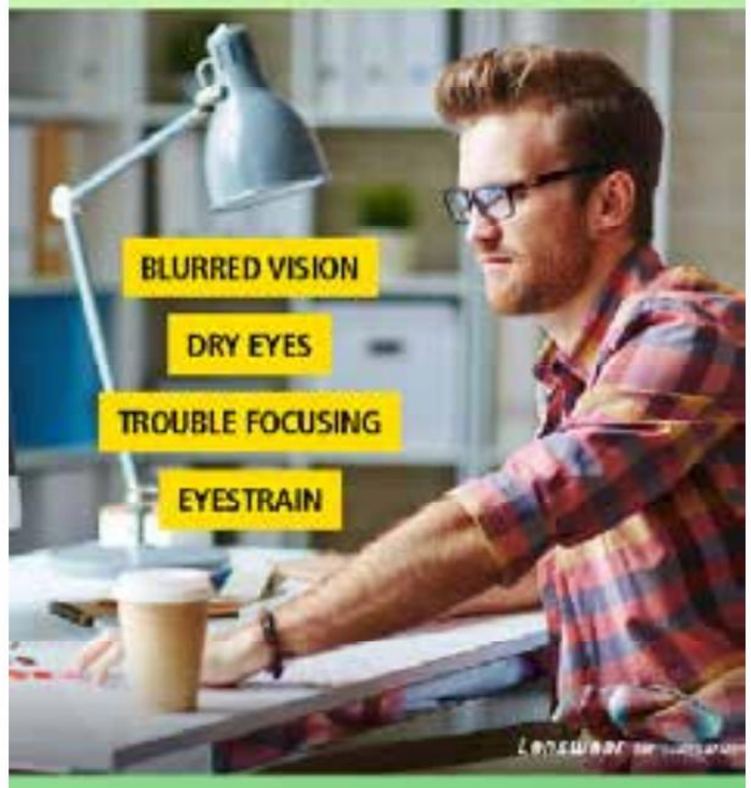

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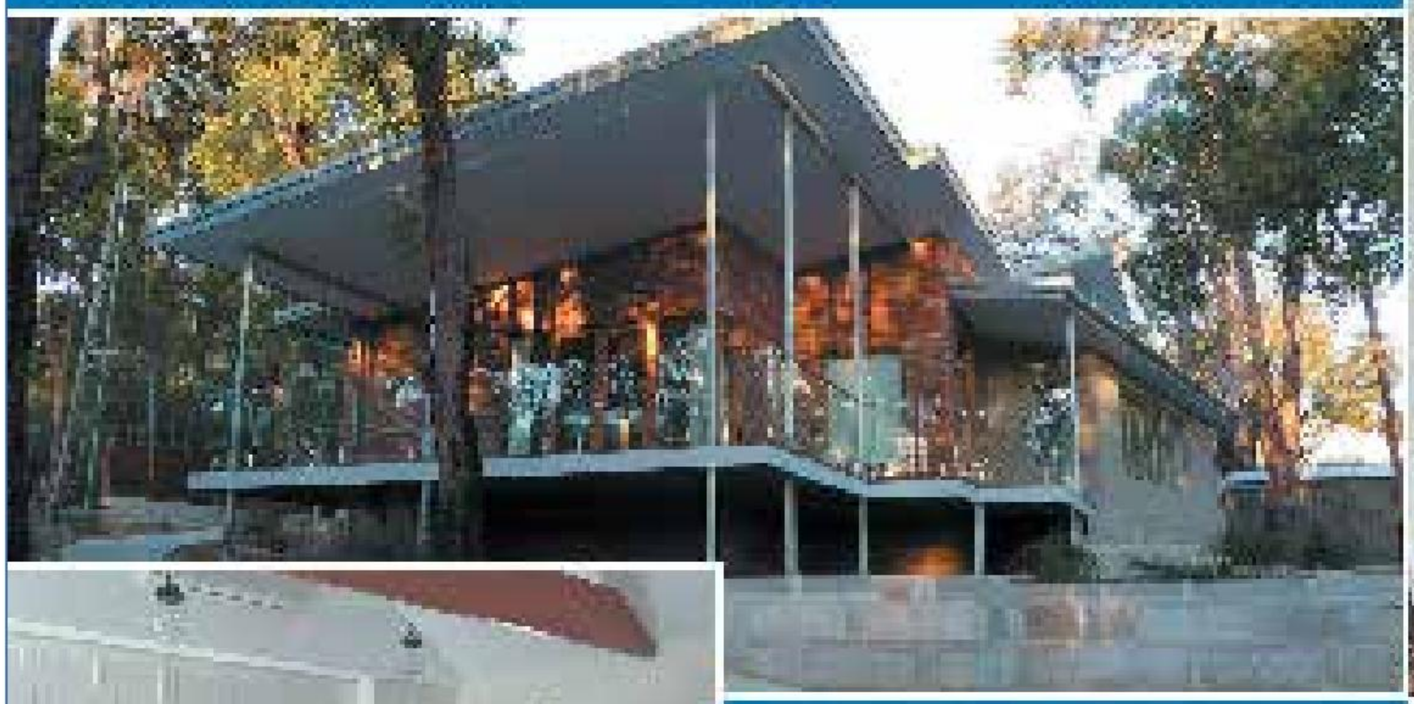

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We have some great events to mark Get Online Week which aims to help people improve their digital skills through local community events:

Planning Your Best Trip Ever, Boya Community Centre, Monday 14 October, 10.30am-11.30am Planning a trip isn't just about making a bunch of hotel bookings or researching flight and train timetables. Amanda Kendle will cover those basics, but so much more, including: great apps to use, tips for online research and different travel options. Bookings essential via https://141024b.eventbrite.com.au

Second-hand Success Online, Boya Community Centre, Wednesday 15 October, 1pm-2.30pm Unlock the secrets of the art of buying and selling second-hand items for success online with sustainability educator Laura Monisse. Topics will include online safety, expert tips on finding quality items, popular platforms, and creating winning listings. Bookings essential via https://161024b.eventbrite.com.au

Recording Your Travel Memories Digitally, Boya Community Centre, Friday 18 October, 10.30am-11.30am A trip may last for days or weeks, but your travel memories can last a lifetime. Amanda Kendle will cover some fun and thoughtful ways to use technology to create travel memories. Bookings essential via https://181024b.eventbrite.com.au

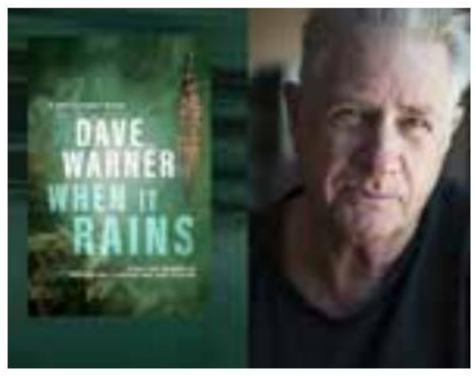
Chris Hammer and Christian White in Conversation

Boya Community Centre,
Tuesday 15 October, 1.30pm-3pm

Join us for a great afternoon with masters of Australian crime fiction, Chris Hammer and Christian White, as they discuss their latest books with Elizabeth Lewis. Bookings essential via https://151024b.eventbrite.com.au

Dave Warner in Conversation

Boya Community Centre,
Wednesday 23 October, 1.30pm-3pm



Dave Warner ("From the Suburbs") is always entertaining, and we are happy to host Dave in conversation with Elizabeth Lewis about his latest Dan Clement novel, When it Rains. Bookings essential via https://231024b.eventbrite.com.au.

ATO Tax Help

The community Tax Help program continues at Boya Library until Wednesday 30 October. If you earn $60,000 or less and have simple tax affairs, you may be eligible for free help to lodge your return. Check your eligibility at ato.gov.au/taxhelp or contact 13 28 61.

Spring/Summer Seed Donations

The libraries and Mundaring Seed Savers would love donations of Spring/Summer seeds for the Mundaring Seed Library. Seeds are processed so library members can "borrow" seed packets. In time seeds from the plants grown may be harvested and "returned" for the cycle to start all over again! The libraries have free donation bags, but you can simply drop seeds off in your own containers noting the variety, description, when and where harvested, and any helpful growing tips.

Mindful Colouring and Jigsaw Group

Mundaring Lesser Hall, Wednesdays,
1pm-3pm

Mindful colouring is a creative way to relax and focus while boosting wellbeing and reducing stress. This small library social group for adults is a great way to take a break, working quietly in the company of others while colouring or completing a jigsaw. Everything is supplied. No bookings required. Contact Mundaring Library on 9290 6780 if you have any queries.

Constable Care events:

(For children aged 4-9 years)

Making the Right Call
Mundaring Hall,
Wednesday 2 October, 10am-10.45am
Should Zac call 000 when his friend Teagan is injured? Is the Police 131 444 number the right one to call when his aunt is robbed? Making the Right Call teaches children how to identify an emergency, the correct phone numbers to use in a range of situations, and how they can play an active role in keeping their friends, family, and community safe. Bookings essential for this free event via https://021024m.eventbrite.com.au.

First Aid Heroes
Boya Community Centre,
Wednesday 2 October, 1pm-1.45pm
Using fun catchy songs and engaging scenarios, this show helps to introduce and reinforce the basics of First Aid and DRSABC. Showing how to identify a medical emergency, how to get help and how to make an emergency call to 000, children learn vital skills around appropriate first aid responses to a range of emergency situations. Bookings essential for this free event via https://021024b.eventbrite.com.au.

Children's regular programs resume Term 4

Story and Rhyme Times, Lego Club and Minecraft Club resume for Term 4 from Tuesday 8 October. Check the "What's On" section on the Shire of Mundaring website for details.

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Mother Goose to be set loose on the Marloo Stage

With three highly successful seasons in the books for 2024, the Darlington Theatre Players at Marloo Theatre now turn their attention to their final season of the year. After last year's 'Once Upon A Pantomime', the theatre is once again rounding out the year with a family friendly pantomime. However, this time, it has been written and is being directed by Darlington Theatre Players' very own Taneal Thompson.

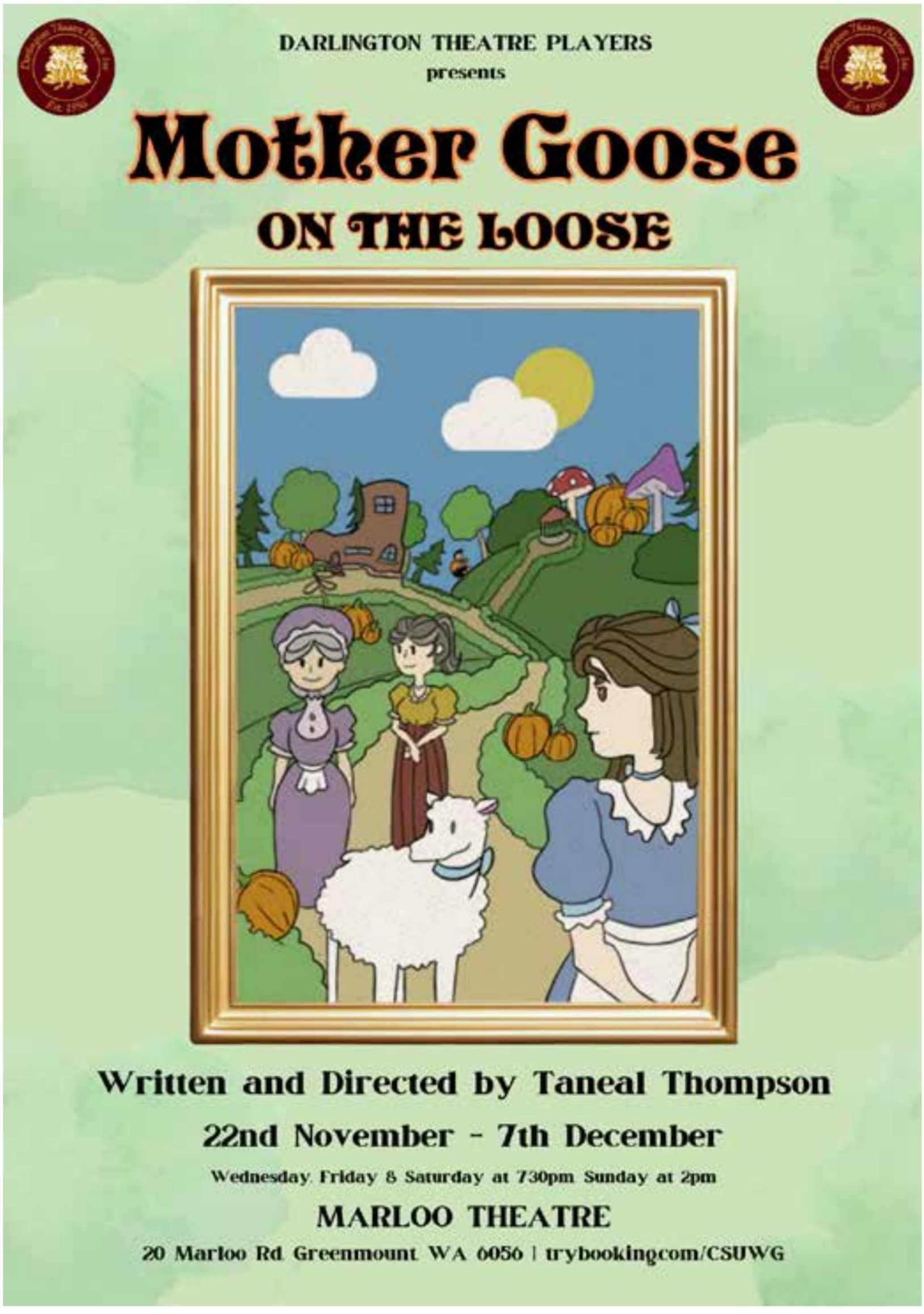
'Mother Goose on the Loose' will have you meeting the wonderful characters of Nursery Rhyme Land: Old King Cole, Old Mother Hubbard, the Old Woman who lives in a shoe, Little Miss Muffet, Little Boy Blue and Little Bo Peep.

Writer/Director Taneal Thompson, who most recently directed 'Too Many Daughters' as part of Marloo's One Act Season last year is excited to bring her original work to the stage at Marloo for the first time. So why did she decide to write her own pantomime? "In 2022, I performed as the Queen in the Pantomime "Snow White: The Off White Version", written by local playwright Yvette Wall" she said. "That same year, our youth group MYTh performed in the GRADS Pantomime

"The Pied Piper". It had been nearly 30 years since I'd worked on a Pantomime and I had forgotten how much fun they are" she continued. "Inspired by my friend Yvette and with encouragement from friends at DTP, I decided to see if I could write my own" she concluded.

With Pantomimes mostly being twists on classic stories such as fairytales, Thompson took a different approach, instead focusing her attention on nursery rhymes. "Nursery Rhymes have such strange and interesting characters" she said. "I wanted to give them life beyond the few lines we know- or don't as seems to be the case for many of my younger friends" she continued.

As with any great pantomime there will be plenty of chances for audience participation, "Our loveable Dame Lucy Goose will take you on a singing and dancing adventure, full of evil villains, brave heroes, lost sheep, pumpkins, pies and classic lines like 'She's Behind You" and "Oh No It Isn't" Thompson concluded. This is set to be a show that will have you cheering, booing and craving a pie or two.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Forrest Darlings CWA

Members of the Forrest Darlings branch of CWA enjoyed attending the September. Stirling Square Markets in Guildford. We were part of an extra large contingent of CWA branches in attendance to mark the centenary of CWA in WA. The Forrest Darlings stall sold a range of meals in a jar – these are an excellent gift idea or easy to cook yourself at home. The range of recipes included tomato soup cake (add a tin of soup!), gluten free ginger snaps, dahl and brownies.

These recipe jars will also be available from the Forrest Darlings stall at the upcoming Darlington Arts Festival. Find us in the providore tent near the coffee stand. We will also be selling a range of baked treats, homemade relishes and sauces.

Before the excitement of the Darlington Arts Festival, we will be hosting our own celebration to mark five years of our branch and 100 years of CWA in WA. All previous and existing members of CWA branches in the Shire of Mundaring are invited to attend. If you haven't received an invitation yet, please contact us using the details below.

About your CWA Forrest Darlings Branch

Forrest Darlings is a friendly branch of the Country Womens Association which meets monthly at Darlington Pavilion. Guests and non members always welcome.

Next meeting:
Wednesday 16 October 7pm, Darlington Pavilion

For more information follow Forrest Darlings CWA on Facebook or call Treasurer Jen Woods 0417 173 478

What's on at the Hub of the Hills for over 55's

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fashion Parade | Thursday 24 October | 1.30pm to 4pm | Free to attend
Kerry D Fashion presents a parade of the latest labels, colours and styles. Clothes available for purchase. Door prizes along with free tea and coffee.

Book Cafe | Tuesday 12 November | 9.30am to 11am | Free to attend
Good quality pre-loved books available for purchase as well as a raffle and home made morning tea for $2. Shire officers Karen and Mick will be speaking about preparing your property for the upcoming bush fire season and how to book a property inspection. All money raised from book sales, raffle and morning tea goes to Sawyers Valley Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

Seniors Week event | Friday 15 November | 10am to 12.30pm | Free to attend
Join us in celebrating Seniors Week with an exciting showcase of free activities and services tailored for those aged 55+. This event is designed to offer local residents a chance to explore a wide range of services while engaging in fun, interactive activities. Light refreshments provided. For more information contact Jorim on 9290 6678 or Rachael on 9290 6683. No registration required.

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Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides

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This month the Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides attended their Avon Hill Region Camp. This fantastic weekend by the beach was held at Ern Halliday Campsite in Whitfords. The girls enjoyed escape room challenges, outdoor baking, kite making, firefighting demonstrations, campfire building and of course, singing! Among many other activities… we made the most of the wet weather! A fun weekend had by all.

The girl guides have also been building some string art on pine boards. Designing, hammering nails and threading wool in the shape of hearts.

We are looking forward to our family Quiz night which is being held to fundraise for the replacement of broken tent poles.

We welcome new girls aged from 7-12 years. We meet at Kathleen Skipsey Hall – on Glen Road, Darlington on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm during the school term. If you have any queries regarding Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides please contact Karen on 0403233907 or enquire at Girl Guides WA.

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The Kathleen Skipsey Scout and Guide Hall where we meet is located on Glen Road, Darlington, and we all get to enjoy the creek that flows along the back of the property in the winter. Many rock climbs, explorations and constructed boat races have taken place over the years here.

Cub Hike

A group of our Cubs managed a weekend hike from the hall in Darlington to Rocky Pool at Piesse Brook. Water was flowing, flowers were blooming, legs were tired, and enjoyed by all. I wonder what a group of Cubs on a log is called?

SES Visit

Joeys and Cubs visited the Swan SES to learn all about the amazing work they do. These volunteers respond to storm, flood, search and rescue, and fire support events, in communities' times of need. They cover one of the biggest districts in the metro Perth area, including where most of us from our group live. Thank you for all that you do, and for the crew that took the time to show us around. Hopefully some volunteers of the future, maybe when that gear fits a bit better! Insert pic in SES uniform.

Scouts Kanyana visit

Scouts attended Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, for a nocturnal tour of their facility. They helped give the echidnas Aruba and Ellie their dinner, met the resident Barn Owl Meeka, and the latest addition to the reptile collection, Noodles the Carpet Python. One of our Scouts also presented Kanyana with donations collected as part of her badge project.

Darlington Scouts are open to boys and girls, comprising four sections:

• Joey Scouts	(age 5-8)	Monday
• Cub Scouts	(age 8-11)	Wednesday
• Scouts	(age 11-14)	Thursday
• Venturer Scouts	(age 14-18)	Friday

For information contact:

membership@darlingtonscouts.com, or www.darlingtonscouts.com or the **Darlington Scout Group Facebook page**.

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The 2024/25 season: the year of Mick

There's a man they call 'Mick'. An O'Reilly, to be sure. As Irish as vegemite. It has long been Mick's destiny to lead the mighty Darlington Social Cricket Club into battle as the Club's Captain, and this season he gets his opportunity.

From Narrogin way, he has eyes full of grit and mischief, and wears a cheeky grin like a man who just robbed a bank with a pointed finger in his pocket. Some say Mick is a gentleman, of sorts; a man who sets his laser-like wit to 'stun', not 'kill', more often than not. Just don't drop a catch off his bowling.

Has there ever been a more accomplished Captain at the helm of the Club's fortunes? In a word, yes. His prowess on the field is legendary – his bowling stats from the last tour game on the Club's recent trip to Sri Lanka reads like a Wisden typo: Overs: 0.1, Wickets: 0, Runs scored against: 6; locking in a solid average of 36.0 runs per over scored from his 'wily' leg spinners on the dusty, turning decks of the sub-continent. When asked how he thought he bowled, his reply was "I nailed it".

But it's not all about cricketing averages, and that's for the best. The formidable astroturf of the mighty DSCC ('social' comes before the 'cricket') will be Mick's field of dreams for the coming summer. At least it will be when he can turn up to play [it has been noted that he has already made himself unavailable for the famed DSCC vs O'Reilly XI day – perhaps for fear of a bloody uprising if he dares to captain the club against his kin].

The new season officially kicks off on Saturday 12th October this year, with the usual right v wrong side of the tracks intra-club game. The traditional season-opening Captains breakfast will be hearty, the bar will be open (with genuine 1970's prices), and the bean bags will be fluffed, so whether you are a member or not, pop a few hayfever pills and come on down and watch the game. Man, woman or child - might as well put your whites on if you're coming down… the first game of the season has a fine history of producing season ending injuries; you can hear the gentrified hamstrings of Darlington's finest ex-cricketers pop from the Hive's al fresco area if there's a westerly blowing.

If you're new to the area and want game, we're as friendly as a butcher at a BBQ. We'd love to see you down there, the more the merrier! And if you have any questions or queries about the club and the way we play (on and off the field), give the club secretary a call (Cam Giles: 0418 936 544).

In other news from Darlington's cricketing glitterati… Mark and Tracie Lucas – DSCC's newest life members – have just welcomed a new life into their own family. Baby Elodie was born in the ides of September; a new baby daughter to their daughter Emma, making Mark and Tracie Grandparents for the first time! Mum and bub are both doing well. Such great news for the Lucas clan, and the club couldn't be happier for their newest little ray of sunshine.

Let's go!

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MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAM

A Journey from Vision to Reality

Mundaring Christian College's Mountain bike program has quickly established itself as a standout feature of the school, attracting some of the best riders in the state, including state champions in Downhill and Gravity Enduro.

The program's roots trace back to 2018 when Nathan Blackwell, a visionary parent with a passion for mountain biking—and access to substantial quantities of free dirt—teamed up with a dedicated teacher and keen mountain biker, Mr Levi Rosolin to transform the College's 110-acre property into a small-scale mountain bike park.

With former principal, Mr Rod McNeill and former deputy principal, Mr David Elsing supporting this initiative, the program began with a single elective class, of just twenty Year 9 and 10 students. Today, the program is flourishing, accommodating 120 students across nine classes from Year 7 to Year 12.

The mountain bike program started with a single cross-country mountain bike track but has expanded into a network of seven tracks over six kilometres, most of which are gravity oriented. Three Chillies Trail Design's expertise made the expansion possible. They also constructed the College's 200-meter pump track. The unique landscape of the school, with its 60 meters of vertical drop and beautiful jarrah-marri forest, provides an ideal setting for our small-scale mountain bike park. The program plans to add more tracks in the future that will cater to all skill levels.

Initially developed as part of Technologies (due to its engineering focus), the program blends trail building with mountain bike riding. Students spend half of their class time constructing and maintaining the trails, and the other half practicing their mountain biking skills on the tracks they have created. The program adheres to the Professional Mountain Bike Instructor Association framework, with all staff fully certified according to this standard.

From its humble beginnings, the mountain bike program at MCC has grown into a vibrant and integral part of the school, embodying the spirit of adventure and hands-on learning.

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Treetops Performing Arts Night

In September, Treetops held its annual Performing Arts Night. Students from Years 1 to 11 participated in musical, dance, drama and puppetry items. Once again, Jaimie from 'Schools Go Dance' worked with each cohort to rehearse their dance performances and a collaborative finale dance which involved all the participating students. Seeing such a large group across the ages come together with such cohesion was quite incredible.

Throughout Term 3, students have also been working on puppetry projects with Janet and Mackenzie from AiR Puppetry. They had the opportunity to exhibit their finished work in the foyer, creating a promenade of puppetry for the audience to appreciate upon their arrival. A group each from the Year 7/8 & 9/10 classes performed on stage, showcasing bunraku-inspired movement skills.

It is wonderful to see students cooperating and collaborating across year groups daily at Treetops. Performing Arts Night exhibits this reality as much as it demonstrates the dedication and creative abilities of our students and staff.

This year the school sold over 300 tickets which is a record number for us! Thank you to everyone who came along and to all those involved in making it a spectacular evening.

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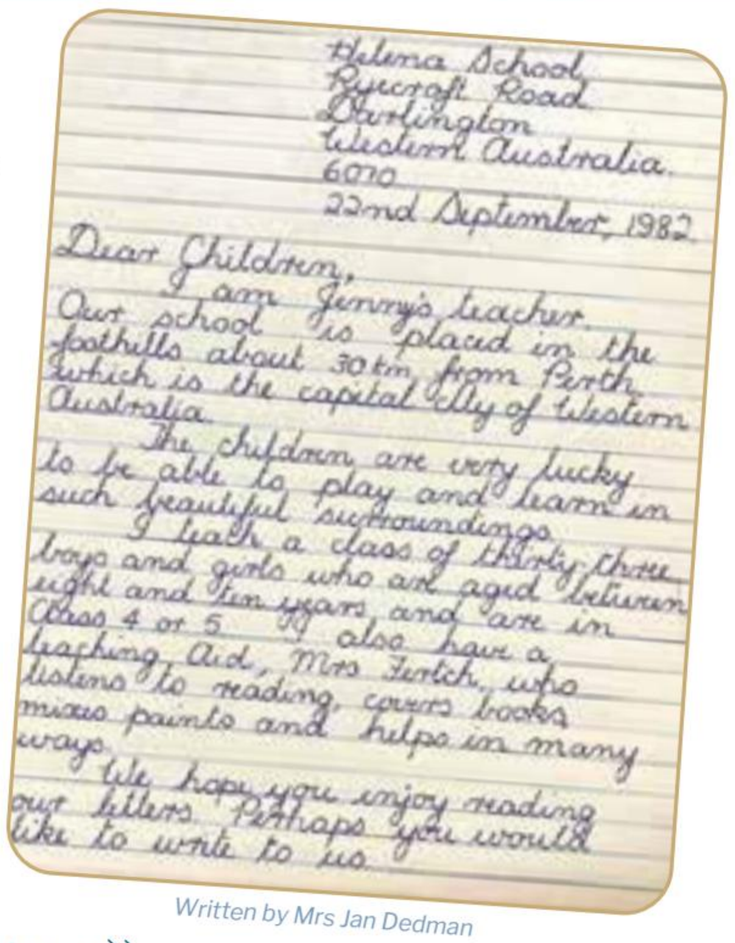
When an envelope arrived at Helena College postmarked Scotland, we were both surprised and pleased. The package contained a lovely note from a retired teacher, Marian Ayre, along with a selection of cute little letters written by Helena College students more than 40 years ago!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22nd September, 1982.

Dear Children,
I am Jenny's teacher.
Our school is placed in the foothills about 30 km from Perth which is the capital City of Western Australia.
The children are very lucky to be able to play and learn in such beautiful surroundings.
I teach a class of thirty three boys and girls who are aged between eight and ten years and are in Class 4 or 5. I also have a teaching Aid, Mrs Turtch, who listens to reading, covers books, mixes paints and helps in many ways.
We hope you enjoy reading our letters. Perhaps you would like to write to us.

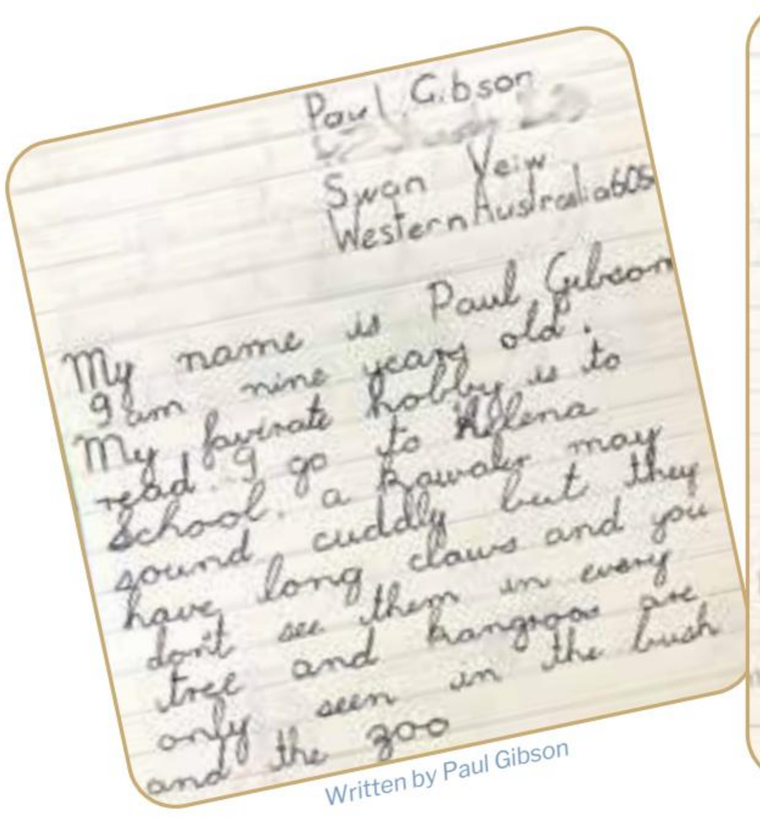
Written by Mrs Jan Dedman

As her note explained, back in 1982 her class in Ayrshire, Scotland, corresponded with students at Helena School (as it was known as then) in Darlington.

> *"I retired a couple of years ago, and recently came across some letters you sent all the way from Australia to Scotland. Our wee school closed in 1996 and had to join with another school but I had kept some memory items in a box, which included your letters. I had a wee look on Google, and noticed the school address for Helena School/College is still the same, so I thought it would be fun to return them 'home' and may be of interested to the children or staff you now have."*

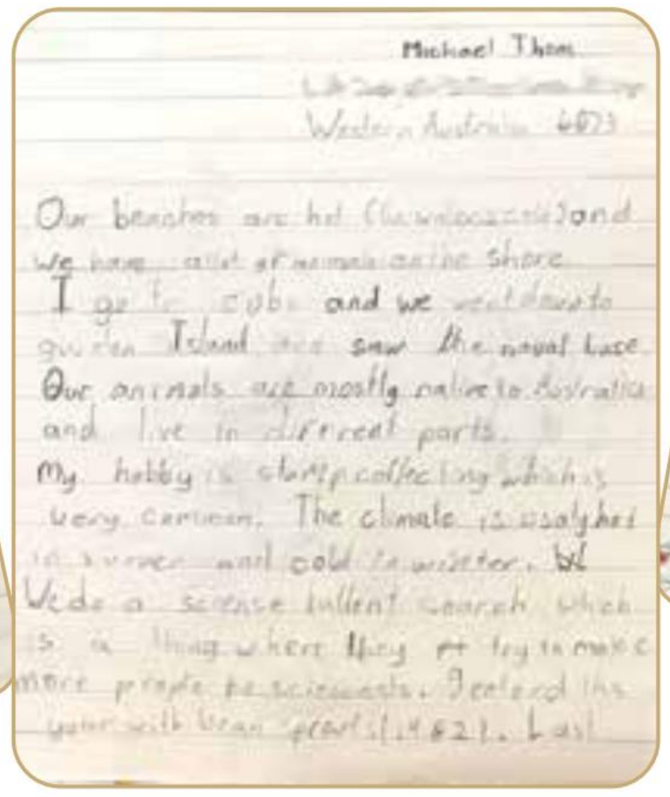
We were absolutely delighted to receive the letters, which have now proudly been added to the College's Archives. We also shared the story with our Year 2 students, who at the time, were starting their own pen pal correspondence with children at a school in New South Wales. It is wonderful see the age-old tradition of letter writing is still actively encouraged, and providing enjoyment for everyone involved.

As some of the students who attended Helena College at the time the letters were written may still live in the area, we thought we'd share a couple of examples!


Paul Gibson
Swan View
Western Australia 6055

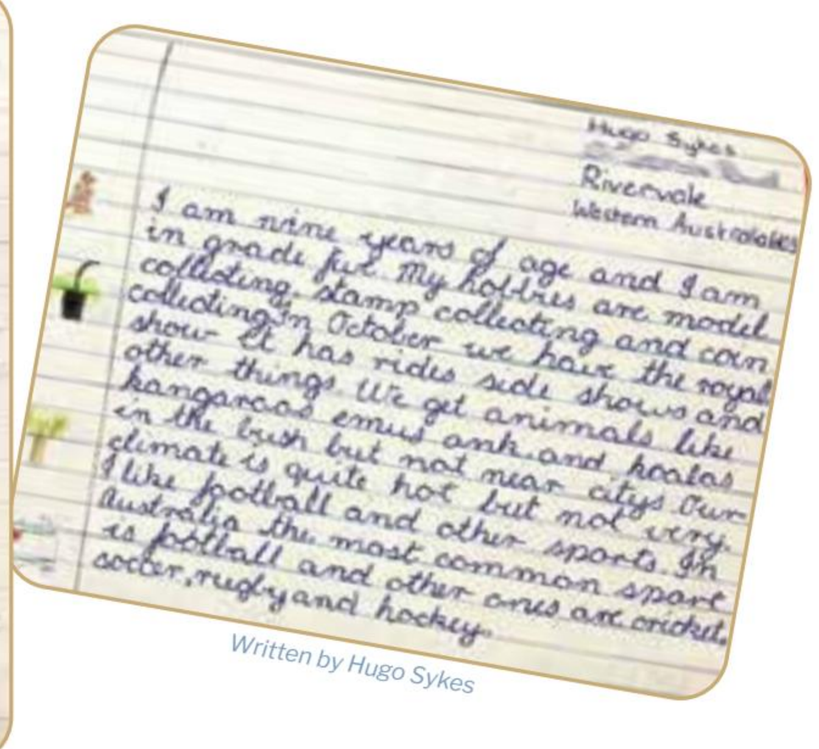
My name is Paul Gibson
I am nine years old.
My favrate hobby is to read. I go to Helena School. I have a kawaky may sound cuddly but they have long claws and you don't see them in every tree and kangoos are only seen in the bush and the zoo

Written by Paul Gibson


Michael Thom
Western Australia 6073

Our beaches are hot (Cleveland) and we have alot of animals on the shore.
I go to cubs and we went down to Garden Island and saw the naval base.
Our animals are mostly native to Australia and live in different parts.
My hobby is stamp collecting which is very common. The climate is usually hot in summer and cold in winter.
We do a science fullent (event) which is a thing where they try to make more people be scientists. I colored the water with Brian Grant (1982). Last

Written by Michael Thom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I am nine years of age and I am in grade five. My hobbies are model collecting, stamp collecting and coin collecting. In October we have the royal show. It has rides side shows and other things. We get animals like kangaroos emus ank and koalas in the bush but not near citys. Our climate is quite hot but not very. I like football and other sports. In Australia the most common sport is football and other ones are cricket, soccer, rugby and hockey.

Written by Hugo Sykes

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And then there was the planting of another very new grevillea and this time to help commemorate 100 years of CWA; what a wonderful institution and thank you to the Forest Darlings for this addition to special plants on the reserve.

Finally I have to include our very favourite and very local Grevillea Bipinatafida. This is an exceptional year for this plant everywhere in the bush and on the reserve. Sometimes hard to get but so worth trying.

Don't forget to come and say hello while we are weeding and weeding and …. We do find other things to do, if we are lucky this time of the year!

We will meet on Sunday 6th and 20th October, 8 to 10 am followed by morning tea.

Diane

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